

IN THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the instant application. The present status of each claim is indicated in parentheses following the claim number. An instruction line precedes each claim that is amended, cancelled, or added by the instant paper.

Please cancel claims 1-2 without prejudice.

1-2 (Cancelled)

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

~~3.~~ (Currently Amended) An expression vector

~~comprising~~comprising:

a recombinant vaccinia virus having an E3L gene

(a) having a deletion of the region encoding

amino acids 1-54 of the E3L gene product and

further comprising product and

(b) encoding a protein that binds dsRNA; and

exogenous DNA ~~operably linked to~~ and regulatory
elements ~~that control expression thereof~~ operably
linked thereto.

Please cancel claims 4-6 without prejudice.

4-6 (Cancelled)

- 7 1. (Original) A composition comprising the vector of
claim 3 and a carrier.

Please cancel claim 8 without prejudice.

8. (Cancelled)

Please amend claim 9 as follows:

- 3 9. (Currently Amended) A method of making a recombinant
gene product comprising
subjecting an expression vector
comprising
a recombinant vaccinia virus having an E3L gene

(a) having a deletion of the region encoding
amino acids 1-54 of the E3L gene product and
~~wherein said vector further comprises~~

(b) encoding a protein that binds dsRNA; and
exogenous DNA that encodes said recombinant gene
~~product operably linked to and regulatory~~
~~elements that control expression~~
~~thereof operably linked thereto,~~
to conditions whereby said recombinant gene product
is expressed.

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10. (Original) The method of claim 9 further comprising
recovering said recombinant gene product.

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11. (Original) The method of claim 9 wherein said
recombinant gene product is an antigen.